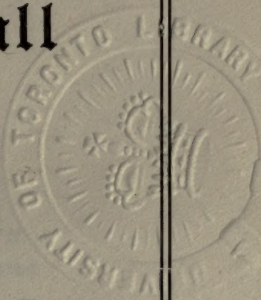


THE FIRST ST. JAMES' CHURCH, 1823

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This book is affectionately Dedicated
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PREFACE

When the historical notes of the late Archdeacon Naylor were published as a History of the Deanery of Clarendon, the Mother Church and Parish of Hull was not included; there were two main reasons for this apparently strange omission, first a History of the Parish of Hull by the same pen had been published in a series of articles in the *Montreal Churchman* of 1913, and secondly the strictest economy was necessitated by the very high prices ruling in 1919 when the History of Clarendon was published. The Historical interest and importance of the Parish of Hull both on account of its age and geographical situation seems to demand greater notice, and to call for the issue of a bound volume containing not only a reprint of what the late Archdeacon wrote, but also such other additions as are only possible today through further research, to bring the Parish History up to date.

The acquisition of several most valuable and interesting documents, found amongst the personal papers of the late Philemon Wright, and presented to the Corporation of St. James' Church by Miss Frances A. Wright, has made such additions possible.

No time could be more suitable than the Centenary year for the publication of such a volume, which we trust will be of real interest to descendants of the early Pioneers, and of possible value to students of local history.

As Editors, we lay no claim to any great share of originality, our's has been rather a work of compilation, which has been rendered comparatively easy through the painstaking efforts of others; for that very reason we are anxious to give credit not only to those who have been already alluded to, but to those many others also to whom it is due whose contributions have greatly lessened our labours.

The Rev. H. B. Metcalf obtained for us the account of the visit of Dr. Stewart and other historical data; and through the kindness of The E. B. Eddy Company we have been enabled to reproduce from an engraving in their possession, the only authentic picture of the first St. James' Church; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. G. Garrioch, out of their intimate knowledge of events, have written the history of the Women's Guild of St. James' Church, but it should however be recorded here that to their ceaseless interest and almost tireless energy, in that and other directions, a very large measure of the achievements of that period of our history are due.

The Rev. Canon Smith whose own incumbency of thirty-six years together with family associations cover a period of more than seventy-six years, supplied the late

Archdeacon with most of the matter for his articles, and has given us valuable assistance and information from time to time. We owe to Mr. Edwin Broadhead the account of the destruction of the first Church; to Mr. Lorne Young of Ottawa the copy of the Report of the Masonic Ceremony of laying the foundation of the second.

Through the kindness of the Rev. Lennox Smith we are able to include the portrait of the Rev. S. S. Strong; the Montreal Churchman lent the "cuts" of the Rev. Amos Ansley and Canon Johnston and has allowed us to make use of their articles; while the rest of our illustrations have been obtained from the excellent photographs specially taken by Miss Charlotte Millen. Lastly in the preparation of the letter-press Miss Annie Anderson has given very valuable assistance in her careful typing of the Manuscript. To each and all of these we desire to express our very deep appreciation and sincere thanks.

It is not easy for the generation growing up amid the industrial activities of the City of Hull, or in the more important Capital City of this wide Dominion with its stately Houses of Parliament, and other imposing Buildings, to picture this District as it was a hundred years ago; when their forefathers with a sturdy courage that recked nothing of difficulty or danger, and with extraordinary patience, hewed their first homes out of virgin forests by strength of arm, harnessed the forces of the mighty waters, and laid the foundation of vast fortunes to which they have fallen heirs. Only the careful collection of facts, and their incorporation in a History, can

enable succeeding generations to keep these things in mind, and to estimate the debt the Nation owes to its Pioneers. What is true of the Nation is equally true of the Church in this respect. Moreover examples of the past should prove the inspiration for the future; to this end, and with this hope, we have gladly undertaken the task of gathering together the records which are here published in the History of the Parish of Hull.

Hull, Que.,
Sept. 1923.

E.G.M.
W.H.M.

History

OF

St. James' Church

Hull.

The first white man who, so far as is known, explored the Township of Hull with a view to settlement, was Philemon Wright, a native of Woburn, near Boston. He made trips to what is now the Township of Hull in 1796, 1797 and 1798; coming always by way of Montreal. In reply to enquiries which he made in Montreal he was told that there were not 500 acres of land in the whole valley of the Ottawa capable of cultivation. "Well", he answered, "you may bet your best beaver skin that there are more than five hundred thousand acres of uncleared land fit for cultivation." His estimate was well within the mark. It is safe to say that between the Ottawa and the Gatineau Rivers there are over six hundred thousand acres occupied beside the great country on the south shore and the long reach from Hull and Ottawa eastward.

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In 1799 Mr. Wright made a fourth trip up the Ottawa, or as it was then known, the Grand River, accompanied by two men from Woburn. Their report on returning was so favorable that twenty-five men were induced to join Mr. Wright in his expedition. They left Woburn in January, 1800. There were twenty-five families in the company. They brought with them everything required for making their new home in the wilderness; mill irons, agricultural implements, carpenters' tools, household effects and provisions. They travelled the whole distance with their teams, sleighs and loads, by way of Concord, along Lake Memphremagog, to Montreal. They found Montreal a gloomy little town of about 7,000 inhabitants. The town was surrounded by an old wall about fifteen feet high with battlements and other fortifications. The houses were built of grey stone, with sheet iron roofs and iron window shutters. The streets were narrow and crooked. Traineaux drawn by French ponies, and toboggans loaded with furs and drawn by several dogs in tandem, were the sights which met the eye of the little band of New England U. E. Loyalists. Leaving Montreal they followed the north shore of the Grand River to the foot of the Long Sault. They cut their way through the bush to the head of the rapids, leaving the last signs of settlement behind them. From the head of the rapids where the little town of Grenville now stands they made the rest of their journey on the ice and

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arrived at their destination on the 7th day of March. The whole journey from Montreal to the Chaudiere had occupied ten days. The women and children had slept in the covered sleighs, and the men wrapped in blankets around the fire with the open sky above them. "And", says Mr. Wright "I never saw men more cheerful and happy."

Their first care on arriving at the Chaudiere was to build houses to shelter their families. Mr. Wright's house was labelled "The Wigwam." He had obtained a title to 22,000 acres of land, some of it as a grant, but the greater part by purchase. So began the first settlement of white people on the spot where the City of Hull now stands and where across the rapid river can now be seen the towers and spires of the capital of the Dominion. Little did that band of pioneers dream of the future rise of splendid architecture, the gathering of legislators, the hum of business and enterprises of a nation, which in less than a century were to follow their landing.

The little colony soon attracted other settlers. Some came from their old home at Woburn, and amongst them the Rev. Mr. Meach, a Congregational Minister, to minister to their spiritual wants. Mr. Meach's services were, so far as is known, the first Protestant services held in the district. By 1815 he had given up his charge owing to declining health and strength. In 1820 Mr. Wright made representations to Lord Dalhousie, setting forth the need of a church edifice and of a resident Clergyman.

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The answer came in the form of a contribution of £500 for the erection of a church and a stipulation that the people should raise a similar amount, which they did. They received great encouragement from a visit paid them in 1822 by the Honorable and Reverend Charles J. Stewart, who had been appointed travelling missionary for the Diocese of Quebec in 1819. An account of this visit is preserved in the following extract from a letter of the Hon. Rev. Dr. Stewart, Travelling Missionary and later second Bishop of Quebec, dated 1822 (Printed in the S. P. G. Report 1823) which is of interest at this point.

“Five miles from Mr. Chesser’s (in the township of Plantagenet) I returned to the Ottawa; I ascended it, and crossed over into lower Canada, and persued my journey to Mr. Wright’s in the Township of Hull. That Gentleman’s place is near the Chaudiere Falls of the River Ottawa. Mr. Wright and his Associates were the first people who settled in that part of Canada, and during a residence of Twenty years, they have made great exertions in clearing and cultivating the land, and have provided themselves with good houses. Their labours have been crowned with success, and the face of the Country shows their industry; but they have no church or Minister of any denomination near them.

They are sensible, however, of their destitute situation in this respect, and they are resolved to build a Church and to procure a settled minister. They assemble on the Lord’s Day in a School House for the purpose of performing Divine Worship, and

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hear a sermon read; but they are persuaded that they ought no longer to delay to build and dedicate a House to the Lord and to conform to the conditions required by the Society entitling them to the assistance and Ministry of a regularly ordained Clergyman. While I was at Hull the people went together and determined to commence without delay, the building of a Church. There were very few dissentient voices although the meeting consisted of persons derived from Parents for the most part Presbyterians. Some difficulty, perhaps, will arise with regard to fixing on the Site but I hope that Mr. Wright will over-rule it by his generosity. I gave them to understand that they are expected to build a Parsonage in order to have the benefit of the Residence of a Settled Minister." A building committee was formed in July, 1823, the work commenced, and the church was finished in the following year.

With reference to the building of the Church—The S. P. G. report 1825 has the following notes of interest—

"The Bishop of Quebec in account with the S. P. G. Paid in aid of the Building of Churches 1824 February 27th Paid to P. Wright for Hull Church—£100—"

A clear indication that by this date the Church had been roofed in as that was a condition for such a grant from S. P. G.

It stood upon a lot of land about one acre and a quarter in extent, donated by Mr. Wright,* whose deed of gift, drawn up between P. Wright and Bp. Mountain

* Two Sites were apparently under discussion vide: the Subscription List printed in the Appendix which shows the method adopted to decide the question with the least friction.

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dated Quebec 1823 is still in the possession of the Corporation of the Church. This site is now occupied by the Hull Police and Fire Station.

G. MOUNTAIN, LETTER

Ste. Ursule Street,
Thursday 4 Sept. 23.

Sir,

I am directed by the Lord Bishop to inform you that the £100 Currency granted from the Church building fund to assist in the erection of a Church at Hull, will be at your service upon the usual conditions—i.e. that it may be drawn for whenever it can be certified that the building is raised and covered in. This certificate must accompany the draft and also a certificate that the site is conveyed in perpetuity for a church to be used exclusively for the worship of the Church of England.

You will please to draw the bill upon me.

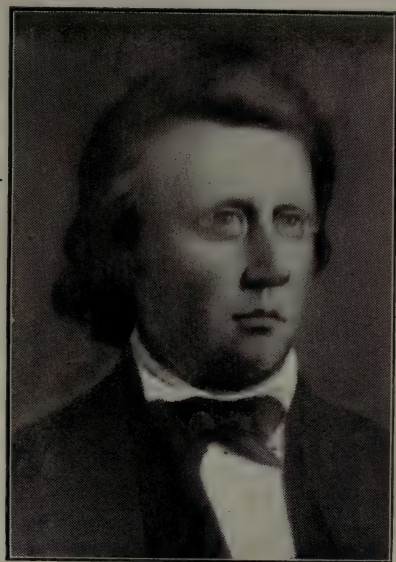
I remain, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

G. MOUNTAIN.

—Wright, Esq.

Dedicated to St. James, the Church was consecrated on the 17th of August, 1830 by Dr. Stewart, who had in the interval become Bishop of Quebec. St. James' Church, Hull, thus became the Mother Church of all this part of the Ottawa Valley. There are now some fourteen parishes on the Quebec side and a larger number on the Ontario side of the Ottawa river in the territory once covered by the ministry of the Missionary at Hull.



THE REV. AMOS ANSLEY, 1823 — 1832

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The arrival of the Rev. Amos Ansley, an S. P. G. Missionary in 1823 to take charge of the Mission, marks the beginning of the organized work of the Church in the district. According to the authentication in his original Register which was signed by Geo. Pyke, Mr. Ansley's charge comprised "the Township of Hull, and parts adjacent in the Province of Upper Canada." It was an extensive charge. It included the Townships of Hull, Eardley, Onslow, Bristol, Clarendon and Litchfield on the north shore of the River. It extended up the Gati-neau, as far as there were any settlers, and it included the people who were rapidly occupying the south shore as far as the Township of March. Mr. Ansley's first entry in the parish register is dated August 8th, 1824. The extent of his mission demanded long journeys in both winter and summer. On the 28th February, 1827 we find him in the Township of Clarendon, more than fifty miles distant, baptizing the children of two families. On the 19th and 20th of the following August he was again in Clarendon and baptized five more in the same district. On the 12th of February 1832 he made his final visit.

From careful examination of his Register we find that people from the following Townships depended upon the ministrations of the Rev. Amos Ansley—Eardley, Nepean, Onslow, Gloucester, Clarendon, McNab, March, Fitzroy, Goulbourne, Clarence, Lanark, Cumberland, Buckingham, Huntley, Lochaber and Templeton.

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The oldest vestry meeting record in the Parish or District is found in Mr. Ansley's Baptismal Register, and as in the History of our Parish it is of peculiar interest, it is here transcribed verbatim—

VESTRY MEETING

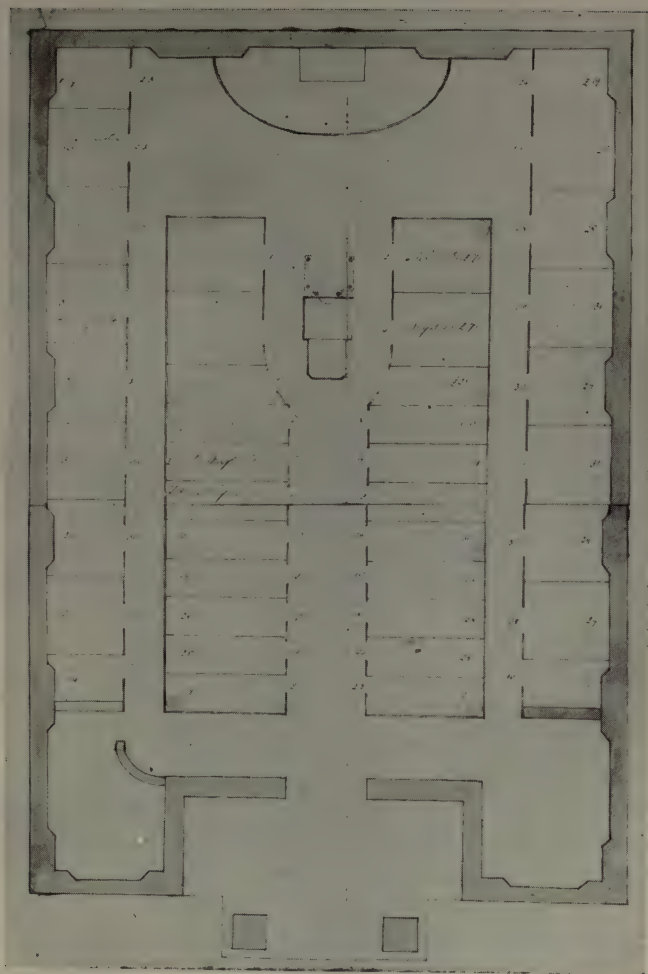
Hull, 4th of April, 1825.

At a Vestry Meeting of the inhabitants of the Township held on Monday the fourth day of April in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five for the purpose of electing Churchwardens for the ensuing year—

The Meeting being duly opened, Mr. Thomas Buck, Junior was chosen on the part of the Minister and Mr. Thomas Brigham on the part of the Parish to fulfill the Office of Churchwardens for the ensuing year.

A. ANSLEY,
Missionary.

A long search has at length been rewarded by the discovery of an authentic picture of the original St. James Church of Hull, the difficulty of finding any picture was due to the unfortunate series of fires which in the past have visited Hull and swept away by their ravages the belongings of so many of those families amongst which such a picture might have been discovered. The one reproduced from the general view of Ottawa and Hull published by Stent & Laver of New York and given in one of our plates, is, considering the scale in the original drawing, wonderfully accurate.



SEATING PLAN OF FIRST CHURCH

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The Corporation of St. James Church has quite recently been given by Miss Frances Adelia Wright a number of very interesting and historically valuable papers relating to the building of the first St. James' Church, Subscription Lists and Plans of the seating, Contracts and Agreements with the Contractors and with the Workmen, furnishing information which enables us today to give a very faithful description of the Church both within and without.

It was an oblong stone building measuring 68x46 ft. The front, facing South, and consisting of the main entrance flanked by two large pillars and surmounted by a steeple with two round headed windows at either side, was built of cut "Bushard" stone. All the Windows were framed in cut stone, and, in addition to two already mentioned, there, were five on either side, and one large central window and two smaller ones at the north end. The walls 2 ft. or more thick were built of hewn stone laid in courses to the height of 25 ft. The work was executed by John Crawford and James Knox, Masons of Montreal, the whole of the work being under the direction of John Burrows, at a cost of £187-13-4½.

The joinery contracted for in 1825 at a cost of £250, which included seats and galleries, flooring, pulpit, communion table as well as stairs to the galleries and the fittings of two rooms on either side of the steeple, was undertaken by Thomas Buck, Junior and the following constituted the building committee, who also collected

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subscriptions and signed contracts, etc.—Philemon Wright, Thomas Brigham, Ruggles Wright and Heraldous Easterbrook.

During his incumbency Mr. Ansley lived on the clergy reserve farm near to what is now known as Fairy Lake. He resigned his charge in the summer of 1832 and was followed by the Rev. A. H. Burwell.

Mr. Burwell's ministry is remarkable for the large number of persons whom he baptized. There are records of whole families of parents, children, and connections, receiving their initial Christian Sacrament in one day.

Except for what may be gathered from the Register, but little is known of the work of Mr. Burwell during his Incumbency of five years, this testimony however indicates that throughout those years his duty was faithfully performed. We regret that no likeness of Mr. Burwell could be obtained to include amongst the portraits of those who have served as Incumbents of the Parish since its inception.

Before Mr. Ansley's removal there had commenced on the south side of the river that marvellous transformation which has converted a cedar swamp into a great city. The first settlement was made in Bytown in 1826. By 1828 the population had grown to 1800 people. In that year the work of the Rideau Canal was commenced. In the next nine years the population grew to 5000. Beside this a large number of people connected with the lumber trade had settled at Aylmer, on the shore of the beautiful

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expanse of the Ottawa known as Lake Deschenes. Many of them were members of the Church of England.

When the Rev. S. S. Strong succeeded Mr. Burwell in October, 1837 he found himself in charge of a huge mission whose demands were beyond the ability of any man to meet. For a time the entries in his register are signed by him as "Rector of Hull and Bytown," but presently the order is changed to "By-town and Hull," evidencing that the future capital was beginning to overshadow its neighbor and mother city in the lower province.

The Incumbency of Mr. Strong proved in the event to be a period of especial interest in the history of the Church in the Parishes of Hull and Bytown. It marked the separation of the two and likewise the building of the first Church of England in Bytown. Amongst the records in the possession of the Corporation of St. James,' Hull, is a small red leather bound Account Book with the gilt stamped title—"A NEW CHURCH AT BYTOWN"—dated January 1855. This was issued under the Chairmanship of Mr. Strong for the following purpose—"Messrs. George Lang and Francis Abbott were appointed by a Meeting of the Subscribers to the New Church, Collectors—to raise the sum of twenty pounds for the Subscription List to pay for Plans, Estimates, etc."

—Historically it is of interest here to note the sub-joined dates of Appointments of Missionaries of S. P. G. Under the head of Lower Canada, Province of Quebec,

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we find "Burwell, A. H. ---- Hull (and Bytown Upper Canada) 1832-36. Strong, Samuel S. Hull 1837-41," with a note indicating he was in 1841 transferred to Upper Canada, and accordingly we find his name appearing in the roll of Missionaries of Upper Canada as having been transferred from Lower Canada and "stationed at Bytown (after Colonel By) 1842-57."

Like, Mr. Ansley, The Rev. Mr. Strong extended his journeys to Clarendon and Litchfield. At his visit there on the 26th and 27th February, 1839 he baptized thirteen children. It was, however, becoming impossible for him to continue these long journeys. His congregation at Bytown demanded his whole time, and both Aylmer and Clarendon were growing rapidly and needed resident Clergymen. In May, 1842, Mr. Strong resigned his charge of St. James' Church, Hull, to become rector of Christ Church, Ottawa; and in July of that year the Rev. John B. G. Johnston was appointed as his successor in the Parish of Hull. The Rev. John Brock Glegg Johnston was born at Little York, New Toronto, in 1812. He was the son of the late Captain Johnston who came to Canada in 1804 and served first on the staff of Sir James Craig, and then under General Brock in the campaign of 1812, and who died at Isle-Aux-Noix in 1845 at the age of eighty-nine years.

A pathetic incident was connected with John Johnston's baptism. General Brock was to have been his godfather. Before going into the battle at Queenstown



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Heights, the General requested Colonel Glegg to take his place should he not survive the engagement. The brave General lost his life and Colonel Glegg stood as god-father in his stead.

How much of his youth was spent by John Johnston at Isle-Aux-Noix we do not know, but it was there, and in the old stone school house in the parish of St. Thomas, Noyan, that he gave the first indication of the Holy Spirit's guiding into the work of the sacred ministry. He was ordained by Bishop G. J. Mountain: deacon in 1836 and priest in 1840. His first mission was at New Carlisle, Bay des Chaleurs. From that post he was transferred to the mission of March on the south shore of the Ottawa, which for a short time he made a centre of work in all directions.

In July, 1842 he was appointed to the charge of the united parishes of Hull and Aylmer. He was made Chaplain of the Dominion Senate in 1869 and Canon of Christ's Church Cathedral, Montreal, in 1870. His ministry was now limited to the towns of Hull and Aylmer, and to the Townships of Eardley and Templeton and the settlements up the Gatineau, where he went on horseback, holding services, visiting the sick, baptizing the children and where he was regarded by the settlers as a great physician.

Upon his appointment the people of Aylmer began at once the erection of a substantial stone church, to be

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called Christ's Church, on a lot of land donated by Mr. Charles Symmes. Services in the meantime were held in a building used as a court house and owned by Mr. Thos. Symmes.

There being no parsonage either at Hull or Aylmer, Mr. Johnston purchased a lot of land a short distance from Aylmer, on the Hull and Aylmer road where he lived until his removal to Hull in 1865. This property by Mr. Johnston's management and through the generosity of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, afterwards became the source of a sum of \$2400, which was equally divided between Hull and Aylmer, giving each parish the sum of \$1200 to form the nucleus of an Endowment Fund.

Mr. Johnston's efforts for the welfare of his people were much appreciated at both places. There were of course difficulties, as there always are; but his love, faith and prayer won all hearts and conquered difficulties.

On the 20th of February, 1861, Bishop Fulford addressed a letter to the diocese stating that he had arranged for the formation of four Rural Deaneries, the Deanery of St. Andrews to include the nine missions and parishes on the Ottawa. This is mentioned because it has a direct bearing upon the history of the parish of Hull and Aylmer, and in fact of all the other parishes; and we may note that the nine parishes have increased to twenty-five.



GENERAL VIEW OF OTTAWA

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The Rev. Richard Lonsdell, M.A., rector of St. Andrews was appointed the first Rural Dean. In his report to the Bishop in 1862, he advised the division of the parish of Hull and Aylmer—Aylmer to take over the Township of Eardley, which had for sometime been served from Onslow, and Hull to include the Township of Templeton and Up-Gatineau Country. In his report for 1863 this course is again urged and a strong representation made of the spiritual destitution of the settlements on the Gatineau.

In 1864 a meeting of the Rural Deanery was held at Aylmer, when the Rural Dean met the Church wardens of the parish, who complied with his suggestion, and in his report he states that Aylmer congregation awaited the appointment of a clergyman, Mr. Johnston having elected to take the parish of Hull. In accordance with this arrangement the Rev. Francis Codd, up to July, 1864 missionary in Clarendon, was appointed to the charge of Aylmer with that of Eardley.

The appointment left Mr. Johnston free to devote all his earnestness and energy to the congregation of St. James' Church and to the people of the surrounding townships. He rented a small house, the only one procurable in Hull, and there in 1865 he removed his family. Finding the house unsuitable, he obtained a house on the Richmond Road in Ottawa where he lived for two years, and then again moved to the large stone house on Wellington street, Ottawa.

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He very soon rallied about him and made co-workers of a large number of earnest and able men and women, such as Mr. J. G. Marston, who was for thirty years his church warden and for a number of years Delegate to Synod; Mr. F. P. Rubidge, also a Delegate to Synod; Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Wright, of Chelsea, whose abounding liberality will be a lasting benefit to the Church in the Diocese of Montreal; Mr. Wetherall Wright, who presented the land on which Mr. Johnston's house was afterwards built and called "Thanckes House;" Mr. Charles Wright, who assisted by a large donation in the building of "Thanckes House;" Mr. Ruggles Wright, Sr., Mr. Edward Haycock, Mr. J. W. Harper and Mr. E. C. Hayden, both delegates to Synod; Mr. Geo. Gale, Mr. G. B. Pattee, Mr. H. Crampton, Mr. R. Radford and many more.

To his parishioners and to the clergy of the district Mr. Johnston's house was always open, and it became noted for its abounding hospitality.

The condition of the church which had been standing now for forty years was giving anxiety. It was becoming cold and uncomfortable. But while ways and means for repairing it were being discussed it was unfortunately completely destroyed by fire.

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LOSS OF THE FIRST CHURCH

The following account of the loss of the first St. James' Church is furnished from facts supplied by Mr. Edwin Broadhead, who, a small boy of ten years old at the time, was an eye witness of the occurrence. In the course of time, since the Church was first erected, some houses had been built upon the land surrounding, during the same period through stress of wind and storm the shingles of the church roof had become curled and frayed. One of the occupants of the houses who had been engaged in underbrushing his holding, and had collected a large pile set fire to it, in order to get the rubbish out of the way, as the flames increased sparks from the bonfire were carried up into the air and falling on to the roof of the church set light to the shingles at one spot.

Seeing what had happened Edwin ran to tell his father, the caretaker of the church, who was engaged at work in The E. B. Eddy Match Factory just below the hill. J. W. Broadhead hastened at once to the Church, and William Warren one of the millwrights at the Factory, picking up his axe, accompanied him. As no ladder could be found long enough to reach the eaves both men entered the Church, and climbing up under the roof, broke a hole with the axe, in an attempt to get at the fire from below, as soon however as the shingles were lifted the fire spread over the whole roof with amazing rapidity, rendering useless all further efforts to subdue the flames,

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to which the structure became an easy prey ; all that could be done being to remove some of the pews and smaller fixtures.

Of the original St. James' Church nothing remains today except one coin of George III dated 1817 which had lain in the Foundation Stone ; this, together with four other coins saved from the ruins of the second Church, Edwin Broadhead mounted on a velvet cross, above a lettered record of the names and dates of the earlier Incumbents, the whole being framed and mounted in pine which was once part of the pews of the first Church. This Memorial Souvenir may be seen now on the side of the inside arch of the present church, where it is often looked at with interest by visitors, and is treasured by the present members of the congregation.

This occurred in 1865. Services were then held for a while in Mr. Ruggles Wright's office, and afterwards in the stone house on the Chaudiere Flats, which in a short time was filled to overflowing, and every Sunday witnessed a procession of chairs from the surrounding houses to provide seats for the people.

With commendable zeal the congregation took immediate steps to build a new church, and it was decided to build upon a more convenient site. A lot was purchased from Mrs. Lawless. It was on the corner of Church and Main streets, and here the church was built. The corner stone was laid on the 25th of October 1866

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with Masonic Honors. An interesting Account of this Ceremony is contained in the following extract from the Proceedings of the Twelfth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. held at Kingston, July 10th, 1867.

"On arriving at the ground, the Brethren were met and conducted to the edifice by the Rev. J. Johnston, Incumbent, and the Reverends J. S. Lauder and Nesbitt, and the Ceremony was commenced by singing the 100 Psalm, and then reading second Chronicles, Chap. 11. 'And Solomon determined to build an house for the name of the Lord, and an house for his Kingdom.'"

Thomas Douglas Harington, Esq., P.G.M. Grand Lodge of Canada, then delivered the following.

ADDRESS

Men, Women and Children here assembled to-day, know all of you that we are lawful Masons, true to the laws of our country, and established of old, with peace and honor in most countries, to do good to our brethren, to assist in the erection of buildings, and to fear God, who is the great Architect of all things.

To-day we are here assembled, by request, to assist in the interesting ceremony of laying with appropriate forms, and according to the ancient customs, the foundation stone of this new Church, proposed to be erected to replace the one so unfortunately destroyed by fire, and we pray God to prosper the undertaking, if it seem good to Him, that

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it may become a building for good men and good deeds, and the promotion of religious ceremony and brotherly love, till the world itself shall end.

The Grand Chaplain was called upon to implore a blessing from Heaven on the undertaking.

THE BLESSING

Great Architect of the Universe, Maker and Ruler of all the world, deign from thy celestial temple, from realms of light and glory, to help us in all the purposes of our present assembly. We humbly pray Thee to give us at this and at all times wisdom in all our doings, strength of mind in all our difficulties, and the beauty of harmony in all our communications. Permit us, O Thou author of light and life, great source of love and happiness, to erect this building, so that hereafter it may be useful and blessed for the all important purpose for which it is intended, and the promotion of thy glory.

The Brethren responding Glory to God in the Highest, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Acting Grand Secretary then read the inscription as follows:

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INSCRIPTION

BY THE FAVOR OF ALMIGHTY GOD,

*On the Twenty-fifth day of October, A.D. 1866
in the era of Freemasonry, 5866,
And in the 30th year of the Reign of our beloved
Sovereign,*

QUEEN VICTORIA

*The Right Honorable CHARLES STANLEY,
Viscount Monck, Baron Monck, &c, &c, &c.
Being Governor General of British North America.*

*WILLIAM MERCER WILSON, Esq., M.W.
Grand Master,*

and

<i>The Reverend John Johnston</i>	<i>Incumbent</i>
<i>Edward Haycock, Senr.</i>	} <i>Church wardens</i>
<i>George J. Marston</i>	
<i>Thomas Fuller</i>	<i>Architect</i>
<i>Charles Thomas</i>	<i>Contractor</i>

THE CORNER STONE OF THIS ST. JAMES' CHURCH

*Was laid by
Most Worshipful*

*THOMAS DOUGLAS HARINGTON,
Past Grand Master,*

*Attended and assisted by an especial Grand Lodge of
of Freemasons of Canada, and various Lodges
and Brethren,*

WHOM MAY GOD PROSPER

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LIST OF LODGES

Aylmer Lodge, No. 138, Aylmer, C. E.

Doric Lodge, No. 58, Ottawa, C. W.

Corinthian Lodge No. 59, Ottawa.

Civil Service Lodge No. 148, Ottawa.

Builders' Lodge, No. 177, Ottawa

Dalhousie Lodge, No. 571 R. E. Ottawa

A bottle containing some coins, the above inscription and other documents connected with the erection of the building, were then deposited in the cavity, as also a copy of the daily newspapers. The Revd. Incumbent here presented, with appropriate remarks, a beautiful Silver Trowel to the M. W. Acting Grand Master, bearing the following inscription :

“Presented to Thomas Douglas Harington, Esq., Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Canada, by the Incumbent and Church wardens, on the occasion of laying the corner stone of St. James' Church, Hull, C. E., October 25th, A.D. 1866, A.L. 5866.”

After receiving the trowel, the Acting G. M., standing in the east, having on his right hand the Deputy G.M. and the Grand Wardens on the left, assisted by the contractor spread the cement, and the upper stone was lowered by three regular stops, after which the Grand Junior Warden applied the plumb, the Grand Senior Warden the level, and the Deputy Grand Master the square.

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Acting G.M.—Brother Grand Junior Warden, what is the proper jewel of your office?

G.J.W.—The plumb rule.

A.G.M.—Have you applied the plumb rule to the edges of the stone?

G.J.W.—I have, and the craftsmen have done their duty.

The same questions as to level and square with a like response were then put to and given by the Grand Senior Warden and D. G. Master.

A.G.M.—Brethren, having full confidence in your skill, in our royal art, as the representative of our Most Worshipful Master, it now remains with me to finish our work. (Three knocks were then given with the gavel.) Well formed and truly laid, and may this undertaking be conducted and completed by the craftsmen according to the Grand plan, in Peace, Harmony and Brotherly Love.

The Acting Grand Master then poured upon the stone, corn, wine, and oil, the Grand Chaplain pronouncing the

BENEDICTION

“May Corn, Wine and Oil, and all the necessities of life, abound among men throughout the world, and may the blessing of the Supreme Architect of the Universe be upon this undertaking and all connected with it.”

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The implements and plan of the building were then handed over to the Architect, to whom the Acting Grand Master said :

“BROTHER ARCHITECT—The foundation stone of this building being now laid, I present you with the implements applied to it, as also the plan, in full confidence that a skilful and faithful workman you will use them in such a manner that the building may arise in order, harmony and beauty, and being perfected in strength may answer every purpose for which it is intended, to your credit and the honor of those who have selected you.”

After placing upon the stone some coin for the benefit of the workmen, by the Grand Treasurer, the A. G. M. addressed the Incumbent—

“Rev'd Sir, having completed our work according to the ancient usages of Freemasonry, we offer you our congratulations, and transfer the building to you in order that, as it has happily begun, it may be carried on by God's good will to a happy completion.”

The ceremony being concluded, the procession was reformed and returned to the Lodge Room, and all Business being finished, the Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and with solemn prayer.

T. D. HARINGTON,
P. G. M., &c.



SECOND ST. JAMES' CHURCH, 1866

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The Silver Trowel spoken of above, and used in this Ceremony has recently been presented to the congregation of St. James' Church, July, 1923 by a relative of the late T. D. Harington, Esquire.

The site of the old church was retained and a special Act of Parliament was obtained to empower the Rector and Church wardens to sell it. The sale was advisable as it was rented for building lots and there were constant difficulties in collecting the rents. By the provisions of the Act of Parliament the money derived from the sale was to be invested in the Incumbent and Church wardens and their successors in Office, in trust, for the payment of the interest and revenues thereof, toward the salary of the said Incumbent and his successors forever. By the consent of the Bishop, the Incumbent and Church wardens may change the investment of the principal and reinvest, but according to the principles of the Act. Just before the death of the Rev. Canon Johnston arrangements had been made to sell the whole lot for the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.) This arrangement fell through. The Rev. F. R. Smith who succeeded Canon Johnston advised that the land should be divided into building lots and sold separately. This was eventually accomplished, and after deducting expenses the sum of \$6578 was realized which, with the original endowment of \$1,200 was made a total of \$7,778, but owing to the great fire of April 26th, 1900, the parish suffered a

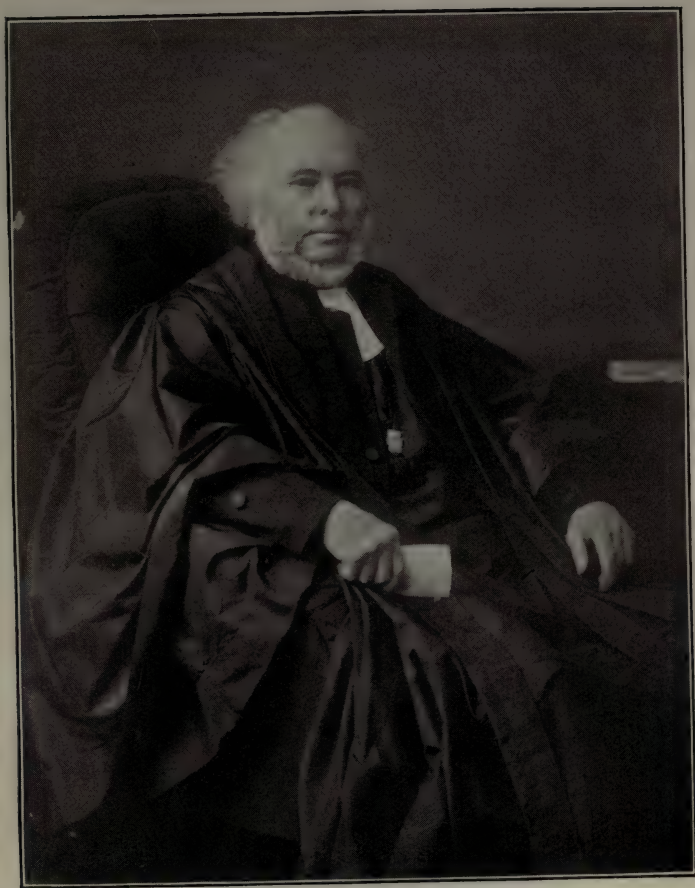
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loss of \$127 on one of the lots so that the endowment stands at present at the sum of \$7,651.

Mr. Johnston's appointment to the position of Chaplain to the Senate of the Dominion, has already been mentioned. This took place in 1869, and it marks the high regard in which he was held in the minds of the leading men of the day.

In the following year Bishop Oxenden expressed his appreciation of Mr. Johnston's work by appointing him to the position of Honorary Canon of Christ's Church Cathedral, Montreal. At the same time the congregation of St. James' Church and Mr. Johnston's friends in Ottawa inaugurated and carried through an undertaking which manifested their deep love for him and their estimate of his ministrations. This was the building and the presentation to him and to his family after him, for their own possession, of the beautiful and commodious house in which he spent the remainder of his days. It was called "Thanckes House." It was built within a few steps of the church, within easy reach of his congregation, and with a clear view on one side across the Ottawa, and up to the noble pile of buildings on Parliament Hill, which he dearly loved.

Canon Johnston was always keenly sensitive to the great injury done to the cause of Christian truth and Christian influence for righteousness, by the divisions which mar the religion of the age. As time went on this



CANON J. B. G. JOHNSTON, 1842 — 1883

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sensitiveness increased. In the Synod of 1874 he moved a resolution expressing "the earnest desire of the Synod that measures might be adopted whereby representatives of the various religious bodies might meet and consult how they may best advance the blessed cause of union in heart and church membership, and that the object of this motion be commended to the Provincial Synod at its next meeting."

Canon Johnston's manner in bringing forward this motion made a deep impression, and the motion was unanimously adopted. The substance of it has been before the Provincial Synod upon different occasions. It was under discussion in the General Convention of the American Church in 1886, and issued in the famous document known as the "Chicago Quadrilateral," which in turn came before the Lambeth Conference of 1888 and was adopted there as a possible basis for the reunion of Anglican Christendom. Such a union was a permanent desire and hope in the heart of Canon Johnston. It was frequently the subject of his conversation, and he once startled a city congregation by pausing in his sermon and repeating the whole of the seventeenth chapter of St. John's gospel. In closing his parochial report for the Synod of 1875 he used the following words: "O that the God of love would bring all His worshippers together in the true unity of the Spirit, that they might indeed be one in him: one body under one living Head, the Blessed Redeemer who died for all."

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(Synod Report, 1875, p.675) and yet it is safe to say that he never contemplated any action by the Church which implied disloyalty to her fundamental principles or imperilled her vital connection and unity with the Mother Church of England; none were more conscious than he of the value of the historic continuity of the life of the Church.

No such movement as Zionism had taken place in his day, but he was a firm believer in the event to which Zionism looks. The writer remembers an occasion when Canon Johnston abruptly paused in conversation, took up a Bible and read with much impressiveness the eleventh Chapter of Isaiah's Prophecy, and claimed that it would be fulfilled by the re-possession of the Holy Land by the descendants of Jacob.

His mind seemed always to be occupied with sacred truth and its connection with everyday life. On a certain occasion he passed a building upon which a number of workmen were employed and stopping to speak with one of them he said "Do you know that there is no more honorable occupation than that in which you are engaged?" And when the carpenter looked up with some surprise he went on to say:—"That was the trade in which the World's Redeemer was employed."

Canon Johnston died in harness. He took his usual services in St. James' Church on Sunday, the 7th October, 1883 and on Tuesday, the 9th, two days later he entered

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into rest. His burial was attended by a very large number of people of all classes and creeds. Nine of his brethren in the ministry carried the body to the Church and it was carried out accompanied with the singing of the Nunc Dimittis. The interment took place in the old Hull Cemetery, where he rests in the midst of his flock, many of whom had gone before and many have followed.

On the following Sunday the Venerable Archdeacon Lauder, the rector of Christ's Church, Ottawa, took the service in St. James' Church. In the course of his sermon he spoke of Canon Johnston in these words:—

“In the death of Canon Johnston the Church has lost a true and valued servant, and the clergy a much loved brother. For forty years and more he ministered in this neighborhood and adjacent parts with such unaffected piety and sincerity that his name has become a household word in the Ottawa Valley. He was gifted with a rare eloquence with which he was ever ready to help a good cause, and by its earnest persuasiveness he always gained an attentive hearing. As a preacher he was earnest and forcible and full of an enthusiastic desire to tell out in all its simple but majestic beauty the whole story of Christ and of man's redemption through Him. His whole soul seemed to light up with the grand subject, and to become aglow with a holy fervor, and thus he delighted to deliver his sacred message to you every Sunday in this place.”

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Canon Johnston having been an S. P. G. Missionary, enjoyed the Society's grant until his death; but it became necessary now for the congregation to make full provision for their Rector's stipend. The wisdom of having provided a substantial endowment now became evident. The sum annually realized from this source places the parish in a position of great advantage and enables it to tide over such disasters as the great fire of 1900.

The choice of a Rector to succeed Canon Johnston fell upon his son-in-law, the Revd. F. R. Smith, a graduate of St. Augustine's College, Canterbury. No better choice could have been made. Mr. Smith had been serving the Church in the Eastern Townships for some years, but he was well known to the people of Hull and Ottawa, having been missionary at Chelsea and Curate at St. John's Church, Ottawa. He had received Deacon's orders in St. Martin's Church, Montreal on the 4th of April, 1875 and was ordained Priest at the Church of St. James the Apostle on the 27th of May, 1877. He was instituted by Bishop Bond to the charge of St. James' Church Hull, on the 12th November, 1883.

The second St. James' Church had never been entirely freed from debt. The debt was about \$800 when Mr. Smith assumed the charge. As soon as he found himself possessed of the details of parish life, he set on foot plans for the payment of the debt. The plans proved



CANON F. R. SMITH, 1883 — 1919

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successful, and on the 9th of August, 1885 the Church was consecrated to the worship of Almighty God, by His Lordship, Bishop Bond.

Then followed years of constant house to house visiting, building up the Sunday School, preparing candidates for confirmation, caring for the sick and aged, comforting them that mourned, and all the routine of parish work so necessary to the strengthening of parochial life, in all which able assistance was given by Mrs. Smith, by the family of the late Rector, and a new generation of earnest Church workers, both men and women. The Women's Guild did much toward improvements and decorations in the interior of the Church, enlarging the basement and building a belfry. These improvements cost in all about \$2,000. The Guild also purchased a bell and the Rector says that "it was his privilege to ring the first bell of the Anglican Church that had ever been heard in Hull."

As yet there was no Rectory. The house known as "Thanckes House" had been donated to Canon Johnston and his family. At a meeting of the Vestry on the 2nd of April, 1888 it was decided to build a Rectory proper on the vacant lot next the Church. Mr. W.H.G. Garrioch drew up plans and estimates which were adopted. The new Rectory was ready for occupation in June, 1889 and cost about \$2,800. The parish was greatly indebted to Mrs. Wadsworth, who not only collected

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subscriptions, but also at her death bequeathed a legacy of \$1000.00 to the Rectory Debt Fund leaving a balance of \$1075.00 still due.

In the summer of 1893 Mr. Smith made a trip to England partly for rest, for the strain of parish work was telling upon his health, and partly for a visit to friends. He left Montreal on the steamer Sarnia in June. When five hundred and forty miles east of Belle Isle, on the 4th of July the steamer broke her shaft. It was repaired, but broke a second time, and the steamer drifted for three weeks, at the mercy of wind and wave, a distance of 583 miles. The anxiety of that time was very great. His family at Hull felt it most keenly; but not only there but throughout the Diocese many prayers were offered for the safety of Mr. Smith and all who sailed with him. On the 25th of July the drifting steamer was sighted by the steamer Monte Videan and towed to Queenstown. The trip from Montreal to Holyhead occupied thirty-five days.

On the 25th of April, 1894, Mr. Smith received from Bishop Bond the appointment of the office of Rural Dean of Clarendon. This appointment enlarged the circle of his activities and interests, but it was not allowed to interfere with that close attention which he was bestowing upon his own parish. During that year 1894 extensive improvements were made in the basement of the Church, the Sunday School room being enlarged and a new fur-

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nace procured, the cost of all being \$440.00. The following year a fund was started for the reroofing of the Church. The attendance of Divine Worship and at Sunday School was now increasing year by year.

In the midst of parochial work and hopes a great calamity overtook the congregation. On the 26th of April, 1900, with a strong north wind blowing, a fire broke out in the northern part of the city, which spread with great rapidity and in a few hours swept away mills and homes and almost the city itself and left thousands of people destitute. It was in fact feared at one time that the whole city of Ottawa would be destroyed. Mr. Smith was an eye witness and a sufferer in this disaster. We will adopt his own description of it.

“On two occasions there had been large fires (previous to that of 1900) which destroyed a large portion of the city, and the Church two or three times, had been seriously threatened with destruction. However, it was not until the 26th of April, 1900 which will be a vivid memory forever in the minds of of those who witnessed it, that the second St. James' Church and its Rectory were destroyed. In that fire which in less than an hour reduced to ashes our beautiful little Gothic Church and Rectory, on which had been expended for so many years the love and labor of faithful hearts and hands—in that fire the parish seemed to suffer an almost irretrievable loss.

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The fire of 1900 not only destroyed the Church and Rectory, but it also laid low almost the entire manufacturing industries of the cities of Hull and Ottawa, and rendered homeless, and in some cases destitute, fully 15,000 persons. Of those connected with St. James' Church congregation alone, fifty-six families suffered the loss of their homes and belongings. The Rector also suffered the loss of his household effects.

The fire was so fierce and rapid that it seemed to sweep in great billows of flame, as if greedy of anything escaping it. The strong wind, increased to a gale, probably partly created by the intense heat, seemed to render all endeavours to save household effects, or the city itself, utterly hopeless. Burning shingles, pieces of boards and showers of glowing embers were swept by the wind for nearly a quarter of a mile in advance of the main body of the fire. It soon made people realize what would be the ultimate result. Indeed, it seemed at one time as if the whole of the Capital City, with all its fine buildings would be reduced to a heap of ruins. The Church Registers were handed by the Rector to Mr. W. H. G. Garrioch by whom at no small risk they were carried through the danger zone of the fire, and deposited in Sheriff Wright's safe, which it is said was the only safe in the Court House or Registry Office adjoining

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which resisted the fierceness of the awful conflagration. The Communion Vessels in like manner were saved but all else was lost.

The lonely feeling—the dazed feeling of numbness, produced by the shock of having one's home, Church and City reduced to a weird, grim mass of smoking ruins and ashes, can hardly be described. However, we tried to pull ourselves together, and by God's grace did so, the shock of finding one's self homeless—the personal domestic trouble, the care thrust upon one in finding and distributing relief to our own people and to the destitute in the city at large, the financial anxiety engendered by loss to the parish; all these coming at once were severe trials and distinct in themselves. Yet God helped us through.

The services of the Church were only omitted for one Sunday. These were resumed on Sunday, April 29th in a tent procured from the government militia stores, and set up on the old homestead of the Wright family, kindly placed at our disposal by Mrs. Scott.

This tent, in which service was held for several weeks, was superseded by a wooden structure made of rough boards in which the congregation worshipped up to February, 1901. The snow being heaped up to the eaves of the roof, together with a

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strong fire alone making it habitable. As there were no windows we used the electric light when the cold prevented our opening the trap door, which was used in the summer months for light and ventilation. This building has always been designated "The Tabernacle," but it served its purpose and around it will cluster many sacred memories in time to come. In it was baptized a child of Dr. Alonzo Marston; in it the Rector presented to Bishop Bond a class of candidates to receive the Apostolic rite of the Laying on of Hands; in it gathered Sunday after Sunday the scattered remnants of our congregation for public worship and to receive the blessed Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood."

This vivid account of the disaster and of the circumstances following it helps us to realize in some degree its overwhelming character.

The fire left the people crippled financially; but with the insurance and help received from the Relief Fund, together with some aid received by subscriptions and donations from friends and well wishers, they thought themselves justified in beginning to rebuild at once. The foundation stone of the new church was laid by the Lord Bishop of Montreal on the afternoon of August 4th, 1900. The ceremony was witnessed by a large number of the congregation. In the immediate vicinity of the scene many men were engaged in the erection of other build-



INTERIOR OF "THE TABERNACLE"

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ings, and these suspended their work while the service was taking place. A number of the clergy of the Deanery were present, as well as many from the city of Ottawa who came to express their sympathy and to renew the associations of the old time when Hull and Ottawa were one parish. The names of those present are recorded as follows :—

The Right Rev. Lord Bishop of Montreal (Bond)	Rev. F. W. Squires
Archdeacon Bogert	Rev. R. H. Steacy
Canon Harrington	Rev. J. J. Christie
Canon Low	Rev. Mr. Boyd
Rev. F. R. Smith,	Rev. Mr. Allan
(Rector)	Rev. R. F. Taylor
Rev. T. Garrett	Rev. J. Osborne
Rev. A. W. Mackay	Rev. J. H. Shaw
Rev. J. F. Gorman	Rev. R. Y. Overing
Rev. H. M. Loucks	Rev. Mr. Low of Bristol
	Rev. W. E. Kaneen

Among the articles deposited in the foundation stone was a phial containing some grains of wheat which had an interesting story connected with them. When General Hutton was engaged in military work in Egypt he secured a quantity of wheat from a mummy. This grain was known to be over three thousand years old. Some of this wheat was given to Mr. W. H. G. Garrioch the Hon. Sec. of the Church Building Committee. He deposited some in the foundation stone, and also gave some to Professor Robertson of the Experimental Farm, who planted it there, where it grew and flourished.

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The basement of the Church was ready for occupation by February and services were held there until the Church proper was ready for use.

The building of the Rectory was carried on at the same time with that of the Church. It was sufficiently completed by November, 1900 to be occupied; but it was a sad household which took possession. There was indeed much to gladden their hearts in the heroic way in which the people had held together and gone forward in the reconstruction of the Church and Rectory and the re-organization of Sunday School and Parish Guilds; but God had taken to rest one who was sadly missed in the family circle, Mrs. (Dr.) Lyster, the Rector's eldest daughter.

The Church was opened for Divine Service on Sunday, the 21st of April, 1901, just one year wanting five days, from the date of its destruction, a monument to the energy of the Rector and his people. It was hoped that the Very Reverend Dean Carmichael would have been present to preach the sermons, and it was a great disappointment that he fell ill and was unable to come.

In his absence the Ven. Archdeacon Naylor preached at the morning service and Rev. J. F. Gorman at the evening Service. At the morning service the Rector expressed his gratification at the way in which the congregation had continued steadfast and united, despite the vicissitudes and discouraging reverses sustained by it in



LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF PRESENT CHURCH

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the destruction of the Church, regarding it as marking the opening of an encouraging era in the history of the parish and evidencing the energy, faith and generosity of the worshippers. A children's service was held in the afternoon with addresses by Archdeacon Naylor and the Rev. A. W. Mackay. Two children also were baptized; Clifford Henry Baden Thomas and a child of Mr. Fred Moore of Wrightville. These were the first children baptized in the new church.

On the 26th of April, the anniversary of the fire, the Rector and his people held a special service with feelings of mingled humility and thanksgiving.

The third Church of St. James is the finest in the Deanery of Clarendon. It is estimated to have cost \$18,000.00. It is more commodious and in many respects superior to the second church. It was built with an eye to the future development of Hull as a City; and for the benefit of those who shall come after, the congregation burdened itself with a debt of \$8,000.00 including that on the Rectory.

If we could but know all the facts, the efforts and work, the devotion and enthusiasm, of that small and at that time by no means wealthy congregation of St. James, would excite the deepest admiration. Nobly led by the Rector who used to meet the annual interest on \$1,500.00, the amount of the Rectory debt, out of his own stipend, not only did they in twelve years reduce the Church debt

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to the extent of \$4,200.00 and meet other charges, interest and fire insurance, but by the persistent labours of the Women's Guild, which as their history shows were often physically exacting as well as selfsacrificing, they have in this Centenary Year of the Parish succeeded in wiping out the balance of the debt and thus achieved one of the primary objects of their organization. It would not however be fair to omit to mention in this History that for some years they were assisted by the generous donation of \$100.00 a year from Mrs. Frank Scott, and by a gift in 1922 from Miss Charlotte Millen of \$500.00 towards that object.

The Congregation have also in the meantime beautified the Church with many gifts and Memorials and made it glorious as becomes a house which is not for man but for the Lord God.

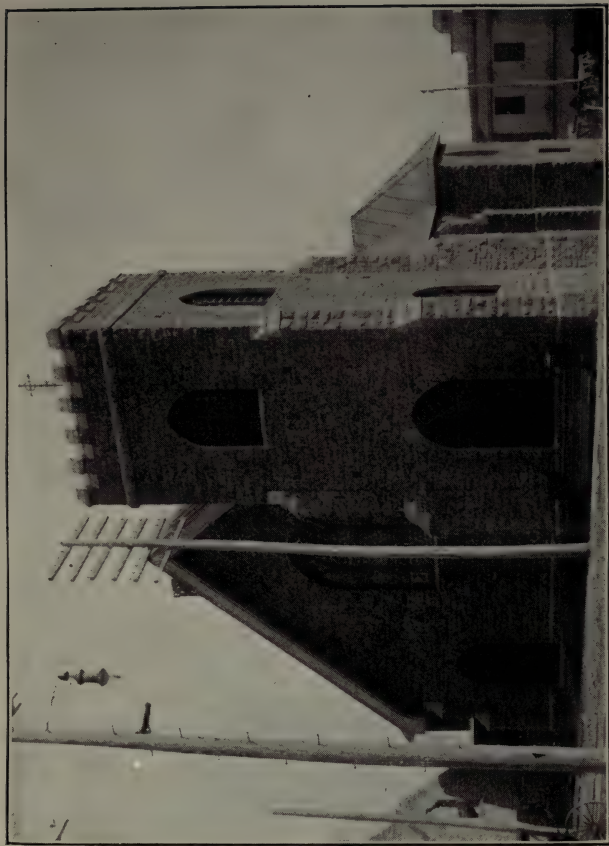
GIFTS AND MEMORIALS

In May 1909 a pipe organ was installed at a cost of \$800.00.

A Pulpit of chaste design wrought of ash in harmony with the rest of the fittings of the church, and bearing the following inscription—

*To the Glory of God
and in loving memory of
Allan McNeill, R. N.*

*for some years Lay Reader of this Parish
entered into Rest Nov. 16th, 1898.*



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was, together with two brass vases for the Altar, presented by his wife and Family.

A beautiful Alms Bason was also obtained by Mrs. McNeill's efforts.

The Altar, and Panelled Reredos, heavily carved in ash were presented through the efforts of Miss Millen and erected in 1901.

*To the Glory of God
and in loving memory of Queen Victoria*

Mr. George Broadhead donated a handsome oak Lectern, which has since been adapted as a Fold Stool for use in reciting the Litany. The workmanship both in carving and design is remarkable. The Clock in the Chancel was given by Mr. Reginald Broadhead; and half the cost of the Chancel carpet was met by a member of the congregation. The Bell, weighing 1350 lbs. was presented at Easter 1903, and rung for the first time for the early Celebration on Easter morning. It has the following inscription—

*"To the Glory of God and in loving memory of
William Francis Scott, Louis M. Coutlee, Jane
McClegg Coutlee and others our beloved dead.
Erected by Jane M. A. Scott and Jennie Leah
Evans, 1903."*

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At the opening of the Church a Font was sent by The Rev. Canon Wood of St. John the Evangelist Church, Montreal, but on account of associations connected with it, this was returned to the Church of St. John the Evangelist, and in its place the handsome new Font was presented by the Rev. Arthur French.

In 1912 a jewelled Altar Cross of Brass and a Tablet of the same material were placed in the Church bearing this inscription—

*To the Glory of God
and in loving memory of
Frances Agnes Kelly
Who entered into Rest Sept. 7th, 1912.*

"She hath done what she could"

The Altar Cross in this Church has been presented by its members as a tribute to her life of service and devotion.

The silver Communion Vessels at present in use in the Church are in memory of the late Dr. Lyster presented by his Widow—

*To the Glory of God
and in loving memory of
Howard F. Lyster, M. D.
Who was called to rest May 19th, 1916
in his 45th year.*

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St. James' Church, not only noble in its proportions with spacious elevated chancel, and wide lofty nave, tastefully decorated has been enriched by several stained glass windows and other gifts in addition to the many beautiful gifts and Memorials of former Parishoners and workers already alluded to; above the Altar in the Chancel is a coloured window of which the central subject is the Ascension surrounded by sacred symbols, erected by the congregation.

*"To the Glory of God and in loving Memory of
the Rev. John Brock Glegg Johnston, Canon of
Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal; forty years
Rector of this Parish. Entered into rest Oct.
9th 1883. R. I. P."*

In the Nave are four stained glass windows. On the West side there is a window bearing in one light the figure of St. Andrew in the other The Good Shepherd with the following inscriptions—

*To the Glory of God
In loving memory of George Jacob Marston
for some years Warden of this Parish
entered into Rest June 25, 1898
Erected by his wife.*

*To the Glory of God
In loving memory of George Scott Marston
Son of George Jacob Marston and Mary his Wife
entered into Rest April 10th, 1898
Presented by his Mother*

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Opposite to this on the East side is another two light window representing the figures of Faith and Hope, inscribed—

*To the Glory of God
and in loving Memory of Sophia Jane Walters
Born Sept. 13th, 1830, Died May 2nd, 1900"*

On the East side, nearest to the Chancel, a third window having as its subject the meeting of Jesus with Mary and Martha, above the text

"Whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die"
and the double dedication

*To the Glory of God
and in loving memory of Thomas Kelly
Who entered into Rest on the second day of
December 1906.*

*To the Glory of God
and in loving Memory of Frances Agnes
and Eva Maud, daughters of
Thomas and Ellen Kelly.*

This window was erected by Mrs. Thomas Kelly who however did not live to see it in position.

Again opposite to this is a fourth window having the figure of St. James on the left and that of St. Peter on the right each of which is separately inscribed thus—

*In Memoriam
Maria Broadhead
Born June 1st, 1828, Died Sept. 23, 1914*

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In Memoriam

John W. Broadhead

Born March 20th, 1820, Died Dec. 6th, 1898

A very handsome Altar rail together with a Lectern, both of Brass, bear a similar inscription

Memoriam

*To the Glory of God
and in loving Memory of*

Ellen Burns

beloved Wife of Thomas Kelly

Died 15th Dec. 1913

From Family.

Many gifts of Communion Linen, Sanctuary curtains, linen for Choir surplices, stoles, markers, bannerets, articles of furnishing for the vestry were given by the Guild, by Miss Millen and Miss Marston and other members and friends of the congregation. A large brass vase for flowers for the Credence Table the gift of a member of the Kelly family bears the inscription—

*To the Glory of God
and in loving Memory*

Pte. Albert T. Kelly No. 410516

38th Canadian Infantry Battalion (Ottawa Regiment)

Killed on the Somme France

November 18th, 1916.

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Two smaller spun brass vases were presented to the church by Messrs Pritchard, Andrews of Ottawa. Miss C. Millen and Mr. Walter Millen have on several occasions renewed and added to the books in the Sunday School Library.

Such constant acts of regard for the House of God are manifestations of an inner life of love and zeal. The Fire which appeared to sweep all away before it seems to have created a spirit of devotion and a sense of responsibility such as never existed before, and out of the ashes of Parish, Church and Rectory, there arose a purer flame of love and allegiance to God and His Church. "Nil desperandum" might well have been written across the history of the Parish. It was manifestly the spirit of its activities. Evidence of this was seen in the way in which year by year members of the Guild, some of them sacrificing their summer holidays in order to do it, rented the Central Dining Hall at the Ottawa Exhibition and provided meals during the whole time of the Exhibition, giving nights as well as days to the work, thereby realizing the sum of about \$500.00 yearly with which to reduce the debt on the church.

A picture is said to be still extant showing two or three of the prominent members of the congregation with the assistance of the dim light of a candle busy peeling potatoes in the "wee sma'" hours in preparation

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for the next day's business. Stories, not without their humor, are told of the indication of fatigue on the part of some of the older members.

In June 1903 The Rev. F. R. Smith was appointed by the Archbishop of Montreal to the dignity of Honorary Canon of Christ Church Cathedral.

On the 18th of November, 1908 Canon Smith completed twenty-five years of ministry in the Parish. A special service was held and he gave a resumé of the history of the Parish. The Congregation took advantage of the occasion to present him with a substantial sum of money, and cassock, and surplices, whilst Mrs. Smith was made the recipient of glass and silverware.

For a number of years, the Rector was ably assisted in his work by Mr. A. W. Stanley, who held a license from the Bishop as Lay Reader. A scholar in the Sunday School at one time, he grew up as a son in the Faith to the Rector; he discharged the duties of Choir Leader, Sunday School Teacher, and Director of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, his premature death deprived the Parish of the example of a devoted Church Worker.

It was while Canon Smith was taking his holiday in the Old Country in the year 1914, revisiting the, then peaceful, scenes of his earlier associations as a student both in Canterbury and London, that the tragic events which had taken place in Austria on the 28th June, de-

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veloped, with astonishing rapidity, into a question involving nearly every European Nation, and soon after his return culminated in the declaration of war against France by Germany, whose determination to disregard the Treaty rights of Belgium and to advance through that country against France involved Britain in the war.

The extent of the war was not hard to see on the part of the British Leaders, for it was an open secret that Germany had for many years been preparing and developing her plans for a struggle for world domination with carefully thoughtout detail.

The rallying cry of the Empire, which resounded through her Dominions and Dependencies, met with an immediate response altogether unexpected by the enemy, whose agents had been actively sowing seeds of discension throughout the Empire. Immediately, every country of the Emipre became an armed camp, and men of all classes flocked to the standard. In every city and town and even in the country villages in Canada, Red Cross Societies were organized to provide hospital equipment and medical supplies for the Soldiers in the field.

Recruiting Rallies took place, and older men, many of whom were Veterans of the South African war, forsook lucrative callings, and with the younger men from the Office and Counting House, from University and College, joined the Colours and gathered in the Training Camps.

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The Congregation of St. James' took an active part in these various movements, her young men offered themselves in Service, her older men gave generously to the various War Funds, and her Women, with the splendid loyalty which characterized the sex throughout the length and breadth of the Dominion, braced their hearts to give husbands, fathers, sons and brothers for the fighting line, while they themselves devoted their talents and energies unsparingly to the work of Red Cross.

The Women's Guild of St. James', as may be seen from the article in the Appendix which deals with their particular activities, entered enthusiastically and devotedly upon the work. In the Church Services, the names of the sons of the Parish, in ever increasing numbers, were borne up before the Throne of Grace in constant intercession for their preservation, as well as for the success of the Allied arms.

The Rector has well said of the War period "The world seemed to be our Parish then" so absorbed were all minds during those years in the conflict and its far reaching consequences.

Yet, for the Rector of St. James' it was no idle time in the Parish, his was the task, faithfully fulfilled, to sustain the spirit of loyalty, to encourage Service through those heavy footed years in which there were at times very dark and anxious periods, to him fell the

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hard duty of bracing the hearts of those who were almost overcome with the strain of watching and waiting, or only too often to bear a message of consolation to those who were plunged in sorrow by the loss of a brave son.

The names of those who joined the Colours and who fought in the Great War are preserved on a Cut Bronze Honour Roll which has been placed in the Church since the close of the War and reads as shown in the adjoining cut.

1914

ROLL OF HONOUR

1919

TO COMMEMORATE THE VALOUR OF THE ALLIED ARMIES AND PERPETUATE THE NAMES OF THOSE WHO FROM ST. JAMES PARISH RESPONDED TO THE CALL FOR DUTY IN THE GREAT WAR IN THE CAUSE OF LIBERTY, TRUTH AND JUSTICE

FREDERICK BEAR CHARLES STUMP
RICHARD COLEMAN JOHN BALLARD
JAMES WRIGHT CHARLES MURPHY
COLEMAN MCNEILL FREDERICK BARNES
STEPHEN SHEPPARD HERBERT JOHNSON
HENRY HAVIN CHARLES BIRCH
JOHN GREGORY EDWARD MCBURNIE
WILLIAM WALDER EDWARD SKIPWORTH
FREDERICK GORDON ALBERT SKIPWORTH
JAMES COLEMAN HENRY MORGAN
HENRY BLACK FREDERICK DENNIS
HARRY SHEPPARD CECIL DENNIS
ALBERT PHILLIPS PERCY DENNIS
ALFRED PHILLIPS FRANK WOOD
GEORGE PHILLIPS GEORGE GREGORY
GEORGE WINTON

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GEORGE LAID DAVID BRIN LINES
GORDON WRIGHT
ALBERT KELLY
ERNEST HITT
GORDON DENNIS
STANLEY WRIGHT
HENRY BEDELL
ARTHUR BOUCHER
KENNETH BROADHEAD
ROBERT MCLEROY

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GEORGE MAY JOSEPH COLE
LEWIS JACKSON GEORGE MORRISON
ARTHUR TAYLOR CECIL PARKS
ERNEST COHEN JAMES SIGGINS
JAMES HILL FLORENCE PERRY
ALFRED WILCOX (WIDOW'S BROTHER)
WILLIAM CLARK T. HENRY THOMAS
WALTER GAVIN (CHAPELAIN)
KENNETH WARDEN HARRY GAVIN
WALTER GREENWOOD AUSTIN STANLEY
JOHN FREDERETTE FRANK PINETTE
ELMER LACKEY HENRY GATTERSILL
NORTON LYSTON FRED MACDONALD
CECIL WRAY PERCY BROADHEAD
ROBERT FAIRBANK ARTHUR ANDERSON
JOHN WINTON

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Of the sixty-seven whose names appear on our Honour Roll nine were called upon to seal their sacrifice with their lives, and as on a tablet it is hardly possible to do more than record names, we take the opportunity of this history to give the facts mentioned in our Parish Registers in regard to our heroic dead.

Major Gordon Brooks Wright—3rd Division of Canadian Engineers, who was awarded the D.S.O. for distinguished gallantry and ability, was killed in Action at Festubert on the 21st of May, 1915. It was said of him "he died a Hero to save others." His body was buried at Hinges about three or four miles N. of Bethune, behind the Chateau grounds.

Major Stanley Joshua Wright—50th Calgary Regiment, who was promoted to the rank of Major in the field in October 1916 shortly before his death, was killed in Action in the Battle of the Somme on the 18th of October 1916.

Albert T. Kelly—Pte. No. 410516—38th Canadian Infantry Battalion (Ottawa Regiment) was killed on the Somme in France on the 18th November, 1916.

Arthur A. Boucher—Pte. No. 145852—87th Battalion C.G.G. was killed in Action at Regina Trench near Bapaume in France 21st October, 1916.

Gordon Gladstone Denis—Pte. in the 207th Battalion was killed in Action somewhere in France on the 30th of October, 1918.

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Henry Bedell—Pte. No. 410020—38th Battalion was killed in Action in the Battle of the Somme on the 16th October, 1916, and was buried in Regina Trench Cemetery Courcellette.

Ernest William Hitt—Pte. No. 144233 was killed in Action at Vimy Ridge on the 9th of April, 1917.

Kenneth Cooke Broadhead—Pte. No. 3108081 of the 85th Canadian Battalion, died in Bradstones Hospital, Sandfield Park, Liverpool, England on 6th of December, 1918 from the effect of wounds received in France and was buried in Kirkdale Cemetery, Liverpool.

Robert Alfred McElroy—Pte. No. 3320029, 2nd Battalion, C.E.F. was killed in Action at Upton Wood, Arras, France, August 30th, 1918.

In the Fall of 1918 just before the close of the War almost the whole country was visited by a terrible scourge. The "Spanish Influenza" more deadly in its ravages than the instruments of war, swept the Dominion from coast to coast, claiming as its victims those who appeared to be the most robust and vigorous. So severe was the epidemic that all places of amusement were closed by order of the Government in an attempt to check it, and for a few Sundays even Churches were closed. Hull and Ottawa suffered in common with other cities; almost a panic seized the people, but Canon Smith,

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a true father of his people and Pastor of his Flock, was at the post of duty visiting the sick, carrying necessities to them, ministering to the dying, and giving consolation to the bereaved.

Referring to this period, he states that the epidemic was "very virulent—two sisters died—buried one on a Sunday, the other on the following Sunday. One woman died at one o'clock and I buried her at four o'clock the same afternoon in Beechwood, by order of the Coroner. "Captain and Mrs. Hadley were very kind in personally visiting homes of the sick and taking provisions suitable for the cases."

In the course of his long Incumbency, Canon Smith gathered around him many faithful and devoted workers. In addition to those whose names appear in the list of Wardens of the Parish, there are some whom we cannot refrain from mentioning in a record of this nature, to whom the Church has owed much in the past and whose example is worthy of emulation, such an one was Mr. Thomas Birks, faithful always in his attendance at services on weekdays, as well as Sundays; he was moreover for more than thirty years Secretary of the Band of Hope, and hardly ever missed a meeting. Mr. Birks took a real interest in the welfare of the children, every year he gave prizes for the different classes of the Sunday School, in connection with which he was of the greatest service, and never did he seem so happy as

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when ministering to children; his death which took place 13th February 1917 was a great blow to the Parish.

Another worker of outstanding character and devoted service was Miss Frances Agnes Kelly who gladly and freely offered her services in many directions to her Lord and Master and for the welfare of the Church; for many years, without any remuneration, Miss Kelly acted as Organist in the services of the Church, and was at the same time a Teacher in the Sunday School; there are still in the Parish touching recollections of her visits of help and sympathy amongst those in sorrow and distress; while she took an active part in the work of the Young Peoples' Guild of which for several years she was President. In 1912 on the 7th of September she was called to her rest at the early age of forty-five.

Only a year later there passed to her rest another faithful and outstanding figure in the history of the present Church, and of the Women's Guild of St. James in the person of Ellen Burns Kelly, who was an early president of the Guild in which office she served for a period of twenty-four years, from 1888 till the time of her death in 1913. An unremitting worker in the Guild, in the years which followed the loss of the second Church and the Building of the imposing St. James' Church of today, she worked with mind, and body, unsparingly, and left behind her an example of real service, which has been maintained till the present time and has

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enabled the Guild in this year to complete the wiping out of the entire debt. The text above the Chancel arch "I was glad when they said unto me we will go into the House of the Lord" which was her gift, is still a visible expression of that love and interest which she always had for her Church."

Among the names of those who have been prominent for long and faithful service who are now laid to rest, we would also record the name of William Hamilton, who, as a member of the Choir, was for over forty years regular and faithful in its service.

There are still, we are thankful to say, many loving and diligent workers and Members of St. James' Church, amongst whom we would mention, not only the names of the present Wardens, W. H. G. Garrioch and J. F. Rochester who have served for many years in their respective Offices, but also such as Miss Bessie McCormick, Mr. and Mrs. Harbour, Mr. and Mrs. Bowness, the Misses Wright, Messrs Hamilton, Palen, Millen, Kelly, Broadhead and Mullen, Miss Millen, and Miss Marston, and Mrs. and Miss Garrioch, who are some of those who are carrying on the traditions of the past in the various offices of the Church, and by their experience and example helping, we trust, to train up others to serve with like zeal and steadfastness, both their God and His Church.

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After thirty-five years as first Rector of St. James, Hull, of which many were years in which a heavy burden of responsibility rested upon the Incumbent, such as the years which were marked by the disaster of the great fire, and of the rebuilding of the Church, as well as the long years of the War with its seasons of tense uncertainty, of suffering, and of deep sorrow, Canon Smith asked the Bishop that he might be relieved of the responsibility of the care of a parish. He was persuaded however to carry on for a while longer till things as a whole readjusted themselves, and so for a year after the close of the war he held to his post, but in the Fall of 1919 Canon Smith felt compelled to relinquish his charge, and to sever the strong ties which had bound him to his Parish and People for thirty-six years.

How the Parishioners received the tidings of his resignation with real regret, is told, in the history of St. James' Guild, by those who for many years were closely associated with Canon Smith in the work of the Church, and there an account is given of the Farewell Reception tendered to him and to Mrs. Smith, of the presentations to each of them offered in token of the love and regard of the People of St. James, feelings which were shared by very many of their fellow townsmen, French as well as English, who were not members of St. James.



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In November of the same year The Rev. E. G. May a Graduate of Cambridge University and at that time Rector of St. Andrews East was asked to accept the position of Rector. Mr. May arrived to take charge of the Parish in December, and was inducted as Rector by the Bishop of Montreal on December the 16th, the sermon being preached by the Rev. R. Y. Overing, Rural Dean of Montreal East, Rector of St. Mary's Hoche-laga; a Reception and welcome was extended to the new Rector and his family at the close of the service, in the basement of the Church. The new Rector in taking charge acknowledged his sense of the responsibility, and asked as the guarantee of success the co-operation of all the members of the Parish.

The year 1920 witnessed the carrying out of a big movement which had been organized carefully throughout the Church, with a view to place some of the central organizations of the Church of England in Canada and her Missions, upon a sounder financial basis. It was felt that the "War Time Missions" which had been held generally through the length and breadth of the Dominion required in some way to be followed up by a movement with tangible result. Into this Movement "The Anglican Forward Movement" the Rector and Congregation of St. James threw themselves wholeheartedly.

Preparation was made by literature widely distributed, and by special sermons; and a strong Committee

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to carry out the Canvass was formed as follows—J. F. Rochester, G. Harbour, A. O. Bowness (Secretary) F. Palen, B. Hamilton, Fred Moore, A. W. Mullen, Wyman Mullen, and S. Colbert. The final returns of the Canvass were made on the 13th March, when the Committee reported that promises amounting to the splendid sum of \$2765.00 had been received from the Parish of St. James, Hull. A Thanksgiving Service for the success of the Forward Movement, at which Canon Smith preached, was held on Sunday 14th March.

At a solemn Memorial Service held on April 11th, 1920, for which the Church was filled with relatives, friends, and Parishioners; a very handsome cast Bronze Memorial Tablet, erected by Mrs. Joshua Wright and her Family, to the Memory of the late Colonel Joshua Wright and his two sons, was unveiled by Major General Sir Willoughby Gwatkin, and solemnly dedicated; the special lessons were read by Canon Gorman, and a touching Memorial sermon was delivered by Canon Smith to whom all three were so intimately known.

The Tablet placed on the East wall close to the old Family Pew, bears, beneath the three Regimental Badges, the following inscription—

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*To the Glory of God
and in loving memory of
Lieut Col. Joshua Wright
43rd Regt. Ottawa and Carleton Rifles
who served in the North West Rebellion 1885
died Sept. 6th, 1907
in his fifty-third year*

*and his sons
Major Gordon Brooks Wright, D.S.O.
Royal Canadian Engineers
Killed in Action near Ypres Belgium
May 21st, 1915
in his thirty-third year.*

*Major Joshua Stanley Wright
50th Canadian Infantry Battalion
British Expeditionary Forces
Killed in action at the Somme France
November 18th, 1916
in his twenty-sixth year.*

*"Greater love hath no man than this, that
a man lay down his life for his friends."*

The first year of the present Rector's Incumbency was marked for the Rector and Mrs. May by the joy of the birth of a young son, but with this exception it was in their home life one of great anxiety on account of

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sickness amongst their children, and was clouded by a deep sorrow when, after an illness of but three days, their second daughter Winifred was called to her rest at the age of twelve and a half years, while the family was spending the summer at St. Andrews East. There in the shadow of the old Church which she had known and loved so well they laid her body to rest. The news of this tragic event called forth the sympathy of every member of the congregation of St. James towards the Rector and Mrs. May in their great affliction. In her memory a brass Font Ewer with the Inscription—*"To the Glory of God and in loving Memory of Winifred Gertrude May, Age 12½ years—Entered into Rest at St. Andrews East—July 27th, 1920"*, and round the base the words—*"A Death unto Sin and a new Birth unto Righteousness"*, has been placed in St. James' Church. A silver Baptismal Shell with similar dedication in her memory and the text *"Suffer little children to come unto Me"* was presented to the Church by her Godmother Miss W. Hoskin.

In the year 1921 Mrs. Birks presented to the Corporation of the Church preferred shares in the Hull Iron & Steel Company to the value of \$500.00, as an addition to the Endowment of the Parish, and in loving memory of her late Husband to whose long and devoted services to the Church in this Parish allusion has been already made. Such gifts are of most real value and lasting in their effect, for they, unlike the marble obelisk or stately mausoleum, help to perpetuate the work in which those



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whom they are intended to commemorate were sincerely interested. They serve year by year to help on the Church's work by assisting in the provision of her constant ministrations.

During Lent in 1922 a well attended Mission of Instruction, in the endeavour to follow up the Forward Movement, was conducted in St. James' Church by Canon R. Y. OVERING—it extended over a period of eight days, and at the close of the Mission, as a mark of appreciation of Canon Overing's work, the Rector with the Wardens presented Mr. Overing with an engraved brass Alms Bason in memory of the Mission, for use in his own Church.

On the 30th April in the same year the cut bronze Honour Roll erected by the Congregation of St. James, of which the full description is given in the record of Memorials and Adornments, was solemnly unveiled by His Excellency the Governor General, Lord Byng of Vimy, on the occasion of a very impressive Service. St. James' was filled to capacity, Canon Smith was invited by the Rector to perform the act of Dedication, for those whose names are upon the Roll were chiefly men and boys who had been baptized by him, prepared for Confirmation by him, and for whom through the slow and dark years of the War he had constantly and earnestly prayed. The Very Reverend Arthur Carlisle, the recently appointed Dean of Montreal, who himself had served as

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a Chaplain to the Forces during the War, was the chosen Preacher; who in a sermon of great force and power reminded his hearers that in order that the sacrifices made by our Soldiers, and the principles for which so many had laid down their lives to secure their Triumph, might not have been in vain, it is still necessary that in the times of the peace we should actively endeavour, by steadfastly maintaining those principles, to reap the only real fruits of the Victories which they had won for us. The Rev. C. G. Hepburn, who was also a Chaplain during the War, and at the present time Rector of All Saints, Ottawa, assisted in the service. At the close of the service two Buglers, specially selected from the Governor Generals Foot Guards, sounded "The Last Post."

On Whit Sunday, June 4th, 1922, the Members of St. James Congregation were privileged to take part in a most impressive and instructive service, which is but seldom seen outside the Cathedral of a Diocese. At the request of the Rector, the Bishop consented to hold the Whitsun Ordination in the Parish and Church of St. James, Hull. In the presence of a large congregation, The Right Reverend J. C. Farthing, D.D. solemnly ordained to the Order of Deacons Mr. L. W. F. Crothers and Mr. N. F. Peterson, the first named being appointed to Quyon, and the latter as assistant at the Bishop Carmichael Memorial Church in Montreal; at the same time the Bishop, assisted by the following Priests, The Venerable Archdeacon of Clarendon (W. Robinson), Canon F.

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R. Smith, The Rev. George Forshaw, and the Rector, ordained to the Priesthood the Rev. W. G. Hatcher, Incumbent of Poltimore. The Venerable Archdeacon Robinson preached the Ordination Sermon, and the Gospel at the Celebration of Holy Communion was read by the Rev. N. F. Peterson.

Few of those who were present in the large Congregation that day, had ever before witnessed the very solemn manner in which those who are appointed to minister in the Congregation, or to perform the sacred offices of the Priesthood, make publicly vows of consecration, and by Apostolic Rite receive the Solemn Commission of Christ's Church for the execution of their Office.

The responsibilities of the Pastor are unquestionably very great, and the exercise of his sacred Commission a serious and solemn privilege, as well as duty, yet because he is but the representative and expression of the Priesthood of the whole membership of the Church, the motto of both should be in Worship and Duty alike "The love of Christ constraineth us" and their constant Watch-words "Co-operation" and "Service."

The opening of the Centenary Year of the Parish of Hull, has been signalised by the wiping off of the debt, which for some years has lain upon the Congregation in respect of the present Church, and preparations are being made, not only for its Consecration, but also for the com-

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memoration of the hundredth anniversary of the planting of the Church of England, and her influence in this City and District. At the threshold of a new century, therefore, we close this brief history of the activities of the Church of St. James with the prayer that with the Consecration of the third St. James' Church, will come a re-consecration and re-dedication of the hearts and lives of its people in the Service and Worship of Christ and his Church.

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APPENDIX

The History of the Women's Guild of St. James

Copy of Agreement between the Committee, Contractor,
and Workmen on the New Church 12th July, 1823.

The Original Subscription List
April 3rd, 1823

Diocesan Bishops 1823-1923

List of Incumbents since 1823.

List of Churchwardens of St. James

List of Those Confirmed in "The Tabernacle"

List of first class Confirmed in the New Church.

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THE WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild of St. James' Church was organized by Canon Smith in 1883. The objects of the Guild are fully set forth in a facsimile of a card of membership seen on a following page. The first President was Mrs. Shepherd. Others were Mrs. Bourinot,, Mrs. Taylor, Miss Montieth and Mrs. Kelly, the last mentoined, elected about the year 1888, remaining in office until the year of her death in 1913. During her long incumbency of that office the Parish suffered the misfortune of losing their Church and Rectory as well as the personal loss of some fifty-six families, as more fully set forth in another part of this history; this necessitated the Guild assuming heavier responsibilities to assist in the rebuilding and refurnishing of the Church and Rectory. To raise the necessary funds the Guild purchased the privilege, at the Canada Central Exhibition held in Ottawa, for catering to the Staff and General Public, which enterprise they continued with unabated zeal for eleven successive years.

The general work of the Guild in addition to the above enterprise was in no way neglected, for the annual sales of work and entertainments enabled them to assist in the payment of many necessary expenses for parish upkeep, which could not otherwise have been provided out of the regular contributions to the Church, and were enabled each year to provide a substantial

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sum towards the liquidation of the large debt upon the Church; the interest item on this debt being assumed and largely provided for by the Young Peoples Guild, assisted by personal subscriptions.

After the death of Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Garrioch was elected to the office of President and has continued in that office down to the present time, during which the same strenuous efforts have been the characteristic of the Guild; for, at the outbreak of the war the Guild, unwilling to forego any of its former activities for church purposes held their meetings weekly for work, instead of fortnightly, devoting the extra meeting to Red Cross work, in which they were joined by willing workers from all the other denominations and were of material assistance to the Ottawa Valley Red Cross Society, through whom the work was forwarded to the base distributing office: 8,362 yards of material being cut and made into garments, 153 lbs. of wool knit into socks. Donations of money and articles for Xmas stockings were sent to the Red Cross. Nor did they neglect the boys of their own parish, seventy-one of whom had enlisted, to whom they sent, each Christmas, parcels of comforts and good cheer. After the close of actual warfare, the Guild, responding to a call for workers to make up garments &c. for the immediate sufferers and refugees, made 361 articles of clothing which were handed over to the Ottawa Valley Red Cross.

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In October 1919 the congregation learned with deep regret that their Rector was about to give up active work. After thirty-six years of faithful service he found the work getting too heavy. During those years he had 791 Baptisms, 380 Burials, 390 Marriages and presented to be confirmed 471 candidates. The members of the congregation assembled on Tuesday Evening October 21st, 1919 to bid farewell to Canon and Mrs. Smith and family. The Hall was beautifully decorated with flags and flowers. There was a short musical programme, after which Mr. Garrioch, the Rector's Warden, gave an address in which he expressed his regret and that of the congregation on the retirement of their Rector and the hope that he and his wife might be spared for many years. He then asked the Rector to accept a purse of money. The Guild had previously presented Mrs. Smith with a gold wrist watch. After refreshments were served the congregation had a chance to shake hands and express individually their regret at the departure of their Pastor who had always been more than ready to share their joys and sorrows. They were glad to learn they were not going far away, having bought a house in Ottawa.

In December of the same year the congregation welcomed the arrival of their new Rector, Rev. E. G. May and family.

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Under the auspices of the Women's Guild a Memorial tablet was placed in the Church. It contains seventy-one names of those who served in the War, nine of whom had made the supreme sacrifice. On April 30th, 1922 the tablet was unveiled by his Excellency the Governor General, Baron Byng of Vimy. The dedication of the tablet was conducted by the Rev. Canon Smith, former Rector of the Church. The service was conducted by the Rector Rev. E. G. May, the lesson being read by Major the Rev. C. G. Hepburn and the sermon was preached by the Very Rev Dean Carlisle of Montreal Cathedral.

The date having been set for the celebration of the Centenary of St. James' Church and Parish, the Guild made a special effort to provide the remaining eight hundred dollars of the debt on the Church, and at their annual St. Patrick's Day Sale, by their united efforts, the sum of over Twelve Hundred Dollars was raised; thus insuring the complete lifting of the debt when due on the 1st of May 1923, thus paving the way for the consecration of this present Church during the ceremonies commemorating the close of one hundred years of St. James' Parish of Hull.

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VERBATIM COPY OF CARD OF MEMBERSHIP.

WOMEN'S GUILD

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"Wist ye not that I must be about My Father's business?"

ST. LUKE II. 49.

I. The objects of the Guild are:—To promote a deeper interest in the welfare of our parish and the extension of Christ's kingdom, by engaging, if possible, in some definite Church work.

II. To co-operate with the Clergyman in the work of visiting, encouraging others to come to church and send their children to Sunday School, to assist in bringing forward children to Holy Baptism and candidates for confirmation.

III. To seek out strangers and welcome them, to minister to the wants of the sick, the needy and the sad, to bring wanderers in and raise up those who fall.

IV. To cultivate a Missionary spirit, to obtain a better knowledge of the Bible and the Church and to extend it to others.

V. To try and realize that we are all members of One Body and and Children of One Father, endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

VI. To encourage a literary taste and promote social intercourse.

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I hereby desire to become a member of this Guild.

Date-----

Countersigned by Clergyman.

"They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."—Dan XII. 3.

Guild Meeting Every First Wednesday of the Month, at 3 P. M.

A DAILY PRAYER

Lord, for to-morrow and its needs

I do not pray;

Keep me from stain of sin,

Just for to-day.

Let me both diligently work

And daily pray;

Let me be kind in word and deed

Just for to-day.

Let me be slow to do my will—

Prompt to obey;

Help me to sacrifice myself

Just for to-day.

Let me no wrong or idle word

Unthinking say;

Set Thou a seal upon my lips

Just for to-day.

So, for to-morrow and its needs

I do not pray;

But keep me, guide me, hold me, Lord,

JUST FOR TO-DAY.—Amen.

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A SUNDAY PRAYER

Almighty God our Heavenly Father, we pray Thee to bless Thy Holy Church throughout all the world this day. Bless all Missionaries and crown Commandments; succour the tempted and raise up their labours with success. Have mercy upon all who are living in sin and contempt of Thy Word and those who fall. Save all for whom Christ shed His precious blood.

Bless our own parish and its minister. Bless all the services of Thy Church, and put it into the hearts of many to come to Thy courts to-day. Grant that worshipping Thee in spirit and in truth, we may be made joyful in Thy House of Prayer. Bless the ministry of Thy Word and Sacraments. Bless our Sunday School and suffer the little children to come to Thee. Bless our teachers, and make them apt to teach. Bless all the Associations of this Parish. Raise up a Missionary spirit in our midst, and make us to abound more and more in prayers and free-will offerings for the extension of Thy Kingdom. Succour the dying, comfort the sorrowful, heal the sick and relieve the poor. Arouse the impenitent and revive Thy work in our midst.

Bless our Guild, and may it be a great cause of good. Let us never be weary in well doing. O Heavenly Father, pour down upon our Church the blessing, the comfort, the peace and joy of the Holy Ghost, this day and all the days of our life, for Jesus Chist sake. Amen.

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TRANSCRIPT OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS

*Agreement between
The Committee
The Contractor and
The Workman*

on

The NEW CHURCH

Dated

12 July, 1823

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Hull July 12 1823

We the undersigned Mechanicks and labourers promise and agree to continue our personal labour in the erection of the new Church now building near the shier falls on the Township of Hull untill the same is compleated under the control and direction of Mr. Crawford the contractor for the said building at the same rate of wages as we have already agreed with the said Contractor and the said John Crawford agrees to permit the Committee of management to deduct and pay over to the said undersigned Mechanicks and Labourers so much of the money which he the said John Crawford is to receive for the erection of the said church as may be sufficient to discharge the demands on him as Employer of the undersigned Mechanicks & Labourer according to the actual time they the said Mechanicks & Labours is employ'd on the same building which time and accounts shall be signed by the said John Crawford as correct and true which accounts and time so signed by the said Contractor shall be deliverd in to the Committee of management before the expiratn of six Days from the compleating of the said Building and the Committee promise and agree to faithfully pay over into the hands of the said Undersigned Mechanicks and Labourers the amount of Money due to the said contractor according to the accounts renderd and vouched for as correct, and the residue over and above so much as will satisfy the demands of the said Undersigned Mechanicks & Labourers the said Committee of Management agrees to pay over into the hands of the said Contractor

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without any lost of time after receiving the said Documents, and as it is the intention of the undersigned Contractor Mechicks & Labours to continue the said work with sobriety and regularity they each agree to refrain from using any spiritous Liquours on the scaffolding or walls of the said Church and that each for himself will be answerable for the Liquer drunk by each of the undersigned parties—and if from any weakness and neglect of sobriety either of the said undersigned Mechanicks or Labours suffer themselves to get Intoxicated with spiritious Liquer then and in that case he shall loose and forfit one days wages for each time he gets so intoxicated.

P--Wright { For Committee of Management
Thomas Brigham }

John Crawford Contractor.

Nichola Garland—Eleven Dollers pr Month

Mathew Evoy—Eleven Dollers pr Month

William ^{his} + Simpson—10 Dollers pr Month.

David Lindsay—5 pr day

Miche Cahill—9\$ pr. Month

John ^{his} + Watson at 5/6 pr day

Dennis ^{mark} + ^{his} Monettee at 5/

Young ^{mark} Kappler 5/

Louis ^{his} + Bartome at 5/

Pierre ^{mark} + ^{his} Mittye at 5/

James ^{mark} Pink 5/

John Dale at 5/

Witnesses

John Burrows

Tiberius Wright

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ORIGINAL SUBSCRIPTION LIST

Hull, April 3rd, 1823.

At a meeting of the committee (appointed by a General meeting of the inhabitants of the Township of Hull in January last) it was

RESOLVED that each of the Committee do use his individual exertion and by personal application collect such subscriptions, to commence the erection of the church either in money or articles useful about the said building

RESOLVED that an abstract of the resolutions made at the aforesaid General Town meeting be entered for the information of individuals disposed to subscribe

(Abstract from the Town book)

Jan-13-1823 "Each subscription of 5 Pounds to be entitled to a vote.

"Subscriptions to be repaid in sittings or Pews.

"Sittings or pews to be disposed of by vendue among the subscribers first.

"Church to be built by contract and subscribers to have the preference.

RESOLVED that subscriptions be paid by proportions as wanting during the prosecuting of the building.

RESOLVED there be two columns for amount of subscriptions, one for the building to be built on the shier falls Island and the other for the building to be erected near John Wrights so that the Committee may regulate their choise with impartiality.

We therefore have agreed to pay (under faith of the above resolutions and in conformity thereto) the sums or articles as stated against our names at such time or times as we may be called upon so to do for the forwarding so laudible a work as the erection of a church wherein the worship of Almighty God may be solemnized—

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	Subscriptions to the church if built on the shier falls Island	Subscriptions to the church if built near John Wrights
<i>Philemon Wright, Esq.</i>	} with one acre of £100.0.0 ground on the shier falls Island	£25.0.0
<i>Tiberius Wright Esq.</i>		5.0.0
<i>Ruggles Wright, Esq.</i>		5.0.0
<i>Thomas Brigham</i>		10.0.0
<i>H. Easterbrooks, work</i>		5.0.0
<i>Edmond Chamberlain</i>		10.0.0
<i>Nathaniel Chamberlain</i>		0.0.0
<i>Josephus Hudson</i>		0.0.0
<i>John Burrows in work</i>		4.0.0
<i>Weir Livett</i>		0.0.0
<i>John Allen</i>		0.0.0
<i>John Snow</i>		5.0.0
<i>Thomas Buck</i>		4.0.0
<i>Charles Herdman</i>		5.0.0
<i>Charles Symmes</i>		10.0.0
<i>Josiah Peckham in Blacksmithing if I remain in this place</i>		5.0.0
<i>J. C. Eaton</i>		0.0.0
<i>Gardner Church</i>		0.0.0
<i>Richard Austin</i>		0.0.0
<i>Wm. Hudson</i>		1.0.0
<i>Joshua M. Wyman</i>		0.0.0
<i>Elisha Sheffield</i>		0.0.0
<i>Henry M. Fulford</i>		7.10.0
<i>John Allen, Jnr</i>		1.10.0
<i>In work, N. B. Frost</i>		12.0.0
<i>Nicklas Sparks</i>		0.0.0
<i>Moses Holt</i>		5.0.0

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<i>Andrew Hutton</i>	£ 2.0.0
<i>James Dunfield, charged on Mr. Wright's book but not collected</i>	2.0.0
<i>Alec Bowie</i>	0.10.0
<i>The Rev. A. Ansley</i>	25.0.0
<i>by Lewis M. Pomroy of Montreal</i>	1.0.0
<i>C. H. Pomeroy</i>	2.10.0
<i>N. M. Fulford</i>	2.10.0
<i>Thomas Chamberlain</i>	5.0.0
<i>J. Bedard</i>	1.0.0
<i>Zenas C. Johnson</i>	1.0.0
<i>Thos. J. Noyes</i>	2.0.0
<i>Lyman Perkins</i>	1.5.0
<i>George King</i>	1.5.0
<i>H. Thos. Donnelly</i>	1.0.0
<i>Caleb Brooks</i>	1.0.0
<i>Noah Jackson</i>	1.10.0
<i>David Gardner</i>	1.10.0
<i>Hale Zulsome</i>	1.0.0
<i>Dudley Moor</i>	1.0.0
<i>John Wright</i>	1.0.0
<i>Wm. Grimes</i>	1.5.0
<i>C. C. Wright</i>	10.0.0
<i>B. H. Wright</i>	5.0.0

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APPENDIX

DIOCESAN BISHOPS 1823-1923

- The Right Rev. Jacob Mountain (Quebec 1793-1825)
The Hon. and Right Rev. Charles Stewart (Quebec 1826-1837).
The Right Rev. Geo. J. Mountain (Coadjtr Bp. 1836 Bp. Quebec).
The Rt. Rev. Francis Fulford (Montreal 1850-1868).
The Rt. Rev. A. Oxenden (Montreal 1869-1878).
The Rt. Rev. W. B. Bond, Archbp 1901 (Montreal 1879-1906).
The Rt. Rev. J. Carmichael, Coadjtr. 1902 (Montreal 1906-1908).
The Rt. Rev. J. C. Farthing (Montreal 1909-

INCUMBENTS OF ST. JAMES', HULL

- The Rev. Amos Ansley 1823-1832 (S.P.G. Missionary)
The Rev. A. H. Burwell 1832-1837 (S.P.G. Missionary)
The Rev. S. S. Strong 1837-1842 (S.P.G. Missionary)
The Rev. Canon J. B. G. Johnston 1842-1883 (S.P.G. Missionary)
The Rev. Canon F. R. Smith 1883-1919 (First "Rector" of Hull)
The Rev. E. G. May, M.A., R.D. 1919-

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LIST OF WARDENS

Thomas Buck Junior - - April 1825
 ThomasBrigham - - - April 1825
 George Marston - - - - 30 years
 Edward Haycock

PEOPLE'S WARDEN
 T. D. Lewis 1874-1877
 Chas. W. Lord 1877-1880
 (June 7th)
 C. C. Brigham 1880-1882
 M. A. Anderson 1882-1884
 G. J. Marston, Jr. 1884-1894
 George C. Wright 1894-1897
 T. E. J. Kelly 1897-1900
 1901-1905
 1906-1908
 Geo. W. Walker 1900-1901
 A. W. Stanley 1905-1906
 G. C. Wainwright 1908-1910
 James F. Rochester 1910-1923

RECTOR'S WARDEN
 J. G. Bourinot 1874-1878
 C. C. Brigham 1878-1880
 C. R. T. Garrioch 1880-1881
 1894-1897
 L. A. Hamilton 1881-1882
 G. J. Marston Jr. 1882-1884
 1897-1899
 M. A. Anderson 1884-1885
 W. H. Lyon 1885-1888
 W. H. G. Garrioch 1888-1891
 1899-1900
 1905-1923
 George C. Wright 1891-1893
 Lt. Col. Joshua Wright
 1893-1894
 1903-1904
 James F. Rochester 1900-1901
 G. C. Wainwright 1901-1903
 Geo. W. Walker 1904-1905

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**Names of those who were Confirmed by the Right Rev.
Wm. Bennett Bond, Lord Bishop of Montreal
5th August, 1900 in "The Tabernacle."**

William Gordon Black	Alice Maud Hills
George Franklin Little	Harriet Ethel Beebe Dobson
Laura Netta Edith Mullen	Margaret Graham Hamilton
Emma Louisa Bingley	

**Names of the Members of the first Class presented for
Confirmation by The Most Rev. Archbishop Wm.
Bennett Bond in St. James' Church
June 9th, 1901.**

Alfred McWilliam	Zaidee Evelyn Smith
George Horace Wright	Adelaide Clara Marston
Percy Willis Wright	Luella Mary Wright
Willie Lansdowne Allen	Jessie Agnes Dickson
Samuel McMillan	Lillian Hermina Whissell
William Henry Lillie	Ada May Josling
Christine Annie Harbour	Gertrude Henrietta Gisborne

**Received into the Church of England
Mary Josephine Reid**

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